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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claim 3, amend claims 2 and 4-11, and add new claims 12-24 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A voice recording and reproducing apparatus, comprising:

conversion means for converting inputted voice signals into digitized voice data;

5 a data table for storing information to be added to the voice data as header information a plurality of ID data for predetermined ID items;

ID data selecting means for selecting arbitrary ID data from the ID data of the predetermined ID items stored in the data table;

data file creating means for creating a data file by adding the ID data selected by the ID data selecting means to the voice data converted by the conversion means as header information;

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recording means for adding header information stored in the
15 data table to said voice data converted by said conversion means
and for recording said voice data the data file in voice data
recording means a recording medium; and

changing means for communicating with an external apparatus
connected to the voice recording and reproducing apparatus and
20 for changing header information the ID data stored in the data
table based upon information sent from the external apparatus.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein

the data table is stored in a rewritable nonvolatile storage
medium; and

5 said changing means rewrites header information the ID data
stored in the data table as header information with ID data sent
from said external apparatus.

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said changing means can change at least one of
ID data identifying a user, ID data identifying a work type, an

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option item name data displayed on a display portion of the voice
5 recording and reproducing apparatus and an option item ID, which
are stored in the data table data concerning the data displayed
on said display portion among said header information.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). An information processing
apparatus for which a plurality of external data recording and
reproducing apparatuses for digitizing and recording inputted
signals in a recording medium are connectable, comprising:

5 connection number allocation means for, after connecting the
external data recording and reproducing apparatuses to the
information processing apparatus, allocating a connection number

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